

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Gelek W. Topgyal
Akio SAITO	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2621
Appln. No.: 09/875,191	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7667
Filed: June 7, 2001	)	
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For: RECORDING APPARATUS, PICTURE	)	December 21, 2006
RECORDING APPARATUS, AND	:	
METHOD THEREFOR	)	

**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated November 30, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before February 28, 2007, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the November 30, 2006 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that whereas the Reasons refer to "means", Claim 61 as amended concurrently herewith uses the term --step--.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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